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No New Starts; Wildland Fire Use Fires Active

HAMILTON, MT; JULY 30, 2007. --- No new starts have been reported in the past 24 hours, on the Bitterroot National Forest. However, the Forest remains under a red flag warning for low humidities and high winds, and the possibility of thunderstorms.

Active burning was reported on the wildland fire use fires which are located in the Frank Church – River of No Return, Anaconda-Pintler and Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Areas. Here's the run down on these fires.

- Harrington Ridge WFU – Estimated at 1200 acres. Combined with the Swet Cabin WFU, and continues to burn toward the Swet Cabin which has been wrapped and protected by Forest Service fire crews.
- Harrington Mountain WFU – 120 acres with active burning to the north-northwest.
- El Capitan WFU. 100 acres in size
- Patsy Ann WFU, at approximately 20-25 acres is close to the El Capitan WFU and these two are expected to burn together.
- Elkhorn Ridge WFU. Approximately 100 acres in size, and burning near the Eakin Cabin. The Forest hopes to protect this cabin but active burning prevented crews from getting in to the area today.
- Snake Creek WFU – minimal fire spread or activity; remains at 1 acre.
- South Saddle Gulch WFU in Gabe Creek – 3 acres
- Kurtz WFU – minimal fire spread or activity

- Magruder Mountain #1 WFU - 2-3 acres in size
- Magruder Mountain #2 WFU - 3 1/2 acres with minimal recent activity.

Current information regarding these fires and any new starts can be found at the Bitterroot National Forest's Dispatcher's website, <http://63.196.254.151/WildWeb/WCMT-BRC.htm>.

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